Amaravila-Ottasekharamangalam road.

60. MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have enquired into the condition of the Amaravila-Ottasekharamangalam road in the Neyyattinkara taluk after the recent heavy rains; and

(*b*) whether it has been brought to their notice that, in the interests of the public, it is highly necessary to widen that road, to raise its level and to construct the required culverts?

MR. L. H. JACOB: (*a*) There was damage to this road as in the case of several other roads, due to the abnormal rains and floods.

(*b*) Yes. Steps are being taken to investigate the improvements deemed necessary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: What is the purpose in steps being taken to investigate the improvements deemed necessary, and estimates being prepared for works, when funds are not available for the purpose?

MR. L. H. JACOB: I do not know whether that arises, Sir. Estimates are prepared and kept ready in hand so that the works may be started when funds become available.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Is it to give work to his establishment that the Chief Engineer is getting these estimates prepared, knowing full well, that, for want of funds none of the works could be started now?

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: I have two announcements to make. I have appointed Dr. Madhavan Pillai and Mr. M. Govindan to form a panel of Chairmen for this session of the Council.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT: The non-official members of the Council have to elect, from among themselves, one member for the Standing Finance Committee and one member for the Public Accounts Committee. I request the members to wait after the business is over on Monday; and I shall request Dr. Madhavan Pillai to take the Chair and conduct the election.

MOTION FOR OFFERING LOYAL GREETING TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA ON HIS RETURN AFTER EUROPEAN TOUR.

PRESIDENT: I give special permission to Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai to propose the motion.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Sir I consider it a proud privilege to move this motion for which permission has been so kindly granted to me.

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